

**Untreated dental caries prevalence among children (aged 2-4 and 6-8 years), adolescents (aged 12-15 years), and adults (aged 35-44 years)  
by selected demographic characteristics**

	Percentage of Untreated Decay (dt/DT) (95% CI)			
	Age 2-4 Years	Age 6-8 Years	Age 12-15 Years	Age 35-44 Years
<b>Total</b>	16.25 (14.20, 18.31)	28.45 (24.99, 31.91)	17.87 (14.93, 20.81)	26.12 (23.60, 28.65)
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>				
Non-Hispanic white	11.15 (8.74, 13.55)	22.31 (17.97, 26.76)	14.64 (11.03, 18.26)	21.90 (18.87, 24.93)
Non-Hispanic black	22.25 (18.13, 26.37)	35.12 (31.93, 38.31)	28.35 (23.38, 33.31)	45.92 (41.60, 50.25)
Mexican American	30.22 (27.61, 32.83)	47.16 (40.89, 53.43)	29.77 (25.59, 33.95)	33.49 (29.91, 37.08)
American Indian/ Alaska Native*	68 (NA)	72 (NA)	69 (NA)	68 (NA)
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	16.77 (14.08, 19.27)	25.37 (21.04, 29.69)	17.13 (13.92, 20.35)	28.55 (25.05, 32.04)
Female	15.71 (12.87, 18.54)	32.02 (27.07, 36.98)	18.64 (14.03, 23.25)	23.96 (20.20, 27.62)
<b>Federal poverty level (FPL)</b>				
Below FPL	25.90 (21.27, 30.53)	47.32 (40.93, 53.70)	30.18 (22.02, 38.35)	50.74 (45.71, 55.76)
At or above FPL	11.86 (10.08, 13.63)	21.63 (17.74, 25.52)	14.57 (11.43, 17.71)	23.07 (20.36, 25.78)
<b>Education**</b>				
Less than 12th grade	25.73 (20.77, 30.70)	44.33 (37.43, 51.23)	29.83 (24.81, 34.85)	47.57 (41.12, 54.01)
12th grade	16.56 (14.00, 19.12)	30.06 (24.03, 36.10)	20.58 (15.34, 25.81)	33.14 (28.81, 37.48)
Greater than 12th grade	9.90 (7.55, 12.25)	17.71 (12.73, 22.69)	8.58 (5.48, 11.67)	15.50 (13.00, 18.00)
<b>Below FPL</b>				
Non-Hispanic white	23.29 (14.17, 32.41)	43.95 (32.02, 55.89)	26.35 (11.74, 40.97)	48.60 (33.10, 59.10)
Non-Hispanic black	23.69 (19.21, 28.16)	39.98 (32.97, 46.99)	31.35 (24.23, 38.46)	57.36 (49.55, 65.18)
Mexican American	33.07 (28.21, 37.94)	56.02 (48.23, 63.80)	40.50 (31.98, 49.03)	54.02 (45.27, 62.77)
<b>At or Above FPL</b>				
Non-Hispanic white	8.82 (6.78, 10.86)	18.04 (13.12, 22.96)	12.79 (9.29, 16.31)	20.31 (17.14, 23.47)
Non-Hispanic black	20.63 (15.00, 26.26)	31.63 (25.34, 37.92)	28.19 (21.69, 34.68)	42.39 (36.87, 47.91)
Mexican American	26.50 (19.65, 33.36)	38.88 (27.74, 50.02)	19.47 (13.07, 25.88)	22.16 (18.27, 26.05)

\* Data are for the Indian Health Service areas for 1999. NA, Not available.

\*\* For children and adolescents this variable represents the education of the head of household; for persons aged 35 to 44 this variable represents the sample person's education.

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